

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. De Sylva on March 23, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please cancel claim 51.

Claim 52. (NEW) A system for facilitating transactions comprising:

a charging terminal adapted to charge an account based on user account information;

a user-modifiable database containing user account information, wherein said user-modifiable database is positioned remotely from said charging terminal; and

a scanner module adapted to employ scanned biometric information to deliver user account information from said user-modifiable database to said charging terminal.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-24, 45-50, and 52 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

3. None of prior art teaches a system for facilitating transaction comprising a scanner for obtaining biometric information providing the account number to the charging terminal and a database located remotely and operate independently of preexisting banking infrastructure, a modifiable database associated with one or more users biological characteristics and positioned remotely as set forth in the claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SEUNG H. LEE whose telephone number is (571)272-2401. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM- 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven S. Paik can be reached on (571) 272-2404. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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